districts, an outlay of Rs. 13249.34 lakhs has been approved in 2002-03, of which Government of India's share is Rs. 11261.94 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 6400 lakhs has been sanctioned so far under District Primary Education Programme. Further an amount of Rs. 319.50 lakhs has been released to the scheme under Teacher Education. Similarly 2428734 quintals of food grains has been allocated to Bihar under Mid-Day Meal scheme this year.

Guidelines on harassment of female students

408. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JNU students union has accused the JNU Administration regarding shielding two Faculty Members held guilty of harassing female students by University's Gender Sanitisation Committee last year on the plea that GSCASH rules and regulations are yet to be ratified whereas students have been expelled on the basis of GSCASH reports earlier; and

(b) if so, why this double standard has been adopted in such sensitive matter which may cause major confrontation and whether Government are thinking of issuing general guidelines in such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Jawarharlal Nehru University (JNU) One Assistant Professor and a Technical Officer were held guilty by the University Gender Sensitisation Committee against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH). The Executive Council of the University, which is the appointing as well the disciplinary authority in the case of teachers considered the enquiry report of GSCASH in its meeting held on 22.1.2003 and resolved that the responses of the complainant and the accused to the GSCASH report, alongwith other representations received in this regard, may be referred back to the Committee against Sexual Harassment for obtaining their views and comments which the Committee has agreed to submit in a time bound manner. In the case of the Technical Officer, the Vice-Chancellor who is the disciplinary authority has, after careful consideration of all the aspects of the case, decided to impose a major penalty of Compulsory Retirement with forfeiture of 15% gratuity.

The University has clarified that no double standards are adopted in such matters and each case is dealt with as per the laid down procedure and merits of individual cases. As regards the issue of general guidelines to deal with such matters, the Government has already circulated to all educational institutions the detailed guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on sexual harassment of women at work place and in education institutions which includes, *inter-alia,* the details of preventive steps, complaint mechanism, disciplinary action, etc.

Improvement of Science Education

409. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has approached the Central Government for according sanction of Rs. 700 lakhs for implementation of the Ninth Phase of the scheme on "Improvement of Science Education"; and

(b) if so, by when the sanction for the amount is proposed to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 700.00 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" for implementation of the Ninth phase of the scheme in the State. During 2001-02, this Department has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 528.22 lakhs to the State Government for implementation of the scheme after adjustment of unspent balances etc. The said amount has been released to the State Government by July, 2002.

Discontinuation of subsidy for higher education

†410. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that at the time of inauguration of the golden jubilee ceremony of UGC, the Prime Minister had announced the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.